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SUBJECT: RELAXATION OF RESTRICTIONS ON GREEK CYPRIOTS IN KARPASS.

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1. OVER LAST FEW WEEKS GOC AND TFSC HAVE EXCHANGED PROPAGANDA
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OVER LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE GREEK CYPRIOTS REMAINING IN
TURKISH CYPRIOT-ADMINISTERED KARPASS REGION. GOC ISSUED A
REPORT APRIL 4 ENTITLED "INHUMAN TREATMENT OF ENCLAVED" AND
DELIVERED STRONG PROTEST TO UNSYG WALDHEIM APRIL 10. TURKISH
CYPRIOTS RETALIATED WITH STATEMENTS FROM SOME OF ENCLAVED
GREEK CYPRIOTS THAT THEY WERE HAPPY AND WELL TREATED. MAY
5 TFSC NEWS BULLETIN REPORTED THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS IN KARPASS

HAD NOW STARTED TRAVELLING TO EVERY PART OF NORTHERN CYPRUS
DESPITE "INSTRUCTIONS" FROM GOC THAT THEY SHOULD RARELY
TRAVEL OUT OF THEIR VILLAGES IN ORDER TO HELP GOC'S
ANTI-TURKISH PROPAGANDA.

2. UNFICYP SOURCES TELL US THAT SOME OF THE RESTRICTIONS
IMPOSED BY TFSC AUTHORITIES (REFTEL) HAVE BEEN
RELAXED RECENTLY, PROBABLY BEGINNING AROUND TIME OF
ORTHODOX EASTER APRIL 30. SPECIFICALLY, GREEK CYPRIOTS
ARE NOW ABLE TO GO TO BEACHES AND RESUME FISHING ACTIVITIES
(ALTHOUGH IT IS LIKELY THAT NO GREEK CYPRIOTS WHO EARNED
THEIR LIVELIHOOD BY FISHING REMAIN IN NORTH). THEY ARE
NOW PERMITTED ACCESS TO FIELDS FARTHER REMOVED FROM THEIR
HOMES AND VILLAGES, ALTHOUGH NOT TO LAND WITHIN MILITARY
RESTRICTED AREAS. CHECKPOINTS HAVE BEEN ABOLISHED WITH
EXCEPTION OF ONE BEYOND RIZOKARPASSO DENYING ACCESS TO
TIP OF PENINSULA AND CAPE APOSTOLOS ANDREAS. GREEK
CYPRIOTS NO LONGER ARE REQUIRED TO OBTAIN PERMISSION
FOR TRAVEL BETWEEN VILLAGES WITHIN KARPASS AND NOW MAY
TRAVEL THROUGHOUT FAMAGUSTA DISTRICT, INCLUDING CITY OF
FAMAGUSTA (EXCEPT FOR CLOSED AREA OF VAROSHA). SOLE RESTRICTION
IS REQUIREMENT TO REPORT AT LEONARISSO POLICE STATION
UPON DEPARTURE FROM KARPASS.

3. UNFICYP OFFICIALS ANTICIPATE THAT KARPASS GREEK
CYPRIOTS PROBABLY WILL BE ABLE TO TRAVEL THROUGHOUT
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TURKISH CYPRIOTS AREA, BUT TO DATE THEY ARE NOT AWARE OF
ANY ATTEMPTS TO DO SO. SIMILARLY IT IS THOUGHT
THAT GREEK CYPRIOT FARMERS MAY BE ALLOWED TO TAKE
PRODUCE TO MARKET RATHER THAN CURRENT SYSTEM OF HAVING
CERTAIN PURCHASERS COME TO THEM. UNFICYP OFFICER VISITING
KARPASS MAY 9 TOLD US VILLAGERS SEEM PLEASED WITH
RELAXATION OF TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS.

4. CURRENT UNFICYP COUNT OF GREEK CYPRIOTS REMAINING IN
NORTH IS 1,751.
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